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CONTINUE FAIR

In its "circular for the information of registration officers." the Utah Comraission hee shown a disposition to be fair and reasonable. It has not been influenced to a harmful degree by the rule-or-ruin clique, which hoped the board would take such action as would deprive Mormons and fair-minded men of the right to vote or hold office. If the fanatic leaders of the Loyal League could have had their way, the Commission would have issued "instructions" instead of uttered "opinions" merely, and there instructions would have prohibited all but Loyal Leaguers from the exercise of the franchise. However, as remarked, the Commission has evidently tried to keep within the letter of the law. If the suggestions sent out by the Commission shall be adopted by the registration officers, nobody entitled to vote under the law will be deprived of the right. Having been fair and apparently free from partisan bias in the circular, we hope the Commis sion will be equally upright and just in the designation of registration officers and judges of election, and will appoint only such men as will heed the law and be free from political bias in its interpretation and administration. The Edmunds act, under which the Commission exists and operates, has been in the books and enforced five years, and no attempt on the part of the People's party to evade it has been made. The only members of the party not clearly entitled to register and vote. who have offered themselves, are those selected for testing in the courts the doubtful provisions of the act. The law has been accepted by the masses, and nobody has tried to take advantage of it for the benefit of the People's party. This compliance with the statute will continue, and none not entitled to the ballot will offer themselves for registration, except, as heretofore, for the purpose of instituting "test cases." But those whose right to vote has not been taken away by Congress, should not be bothered and annoyed unnecessarily by officious registrars and veyed to him by a newspaper reporter partisan judges. The Commission, after its experience of ave years, ought to know that no fraud will be attempted also suggest that his entrance to the by the People's party and it should posteffice should be immediately foltherefore be careful to see that the voters of that party are denied none of their rights and are not subjected to unnecessary trouble in the exercise of their privileges. Fair, intelligent and of Chicago, having three capable men for judges can be appointed from either side, and it will be How long his present accep the duty of the Commission to designate such men, regardless of what may be said of it by the rabid Leaguers.

A MISTAKEN EDITOR.

The New York Times thinks the snother. Mormons are at the bottom of the scheme for the annexation of Southern Idaho to Nevada. It thinks it sees a deep-laid plot on the part of the Saints thus free themselves from congressional annoyance and supervision. The editor cleverly convinces himself by this line of argument. Southern Idaho is largely settled by Mormons. "In 1880 the population of the entire Territory was only 32,600, but in one small the support of the army of tramps for county of Southern Idaho, out of 4,509 inhabitants two years ago 4,250 were Mormons. In 1882 half the members of the Idaho Legislature were Mormons." The statistics of religious denominations show "that the Mormon organization had in Idaho in 1883 twice as many churches and nearly twice as many members as could be counted in all the other denominations combined." All dying State. Its population in 1880 was when asked upon what they base their 50,000 persons within "its boundaries. course of time will reach the Salt Lake The Legislature has asked the National valley; but have the "boomers" any government to give the State all the extinction. Already there are Mormons the company seems to have the money in Northeastern Nevada, and the Mor- and the necessary energy and courage mon Church has exerted some influence to build the road as rapidly as a reasonin Nevada politics. What would happen able regard for economy will permit, if Southern Idaho, which is largely set- and will undoubtedly come in advance

THE DAILY HERALD | hausted? The Mormons might not at | of 1890, while the less enthusiastic and first control the State government by a those who are somewhat familiar with majority vote, but in two or three years the building of railroads over the mounthe State would be absolutely in their tains and through the canyons, say the possession. Immigration from Utah feat will be remarkable if the track would turn the scale. The land system shall be laid to this city in 1891. It is of Nevada would favor Mormon occu- doubtful if any grading will be done in land with which Mormons are well acquainted. The nature of the soil where agriculture is possible would not repel the Latter-day Saints if the church should command them to settle upon throwing a wet blanket over any boom-

The Times says the Mormon leaders save long had their eyes on Nevada but their present plan being exposed thinks that "Congress will never play into their hands by supporting the scheme.

The cleverness of our able and e teemed contemporary is admitted, and its assumption would be plausible enough if it were not for some very stubborn facts which are known here. but may not be known in the sanctum of the Times newspaper. One of these facts is that there has been no time within the past fifteen years when the Mormons could not have gained political control of Nevada six months after they had set out to do it; they have had the voters and the ability to colonize them in the sage brush State. The fact here stated is a convincing and absolute answer to the allegation that the leaders have had their eyes on the State "and the privileges which its people enjoy." It is also sufficient denial of the assertion that the presen scheme is in the Mormon interest, if it were not devised by the Mormons themselves. If the Mormons had hankered for Statehood enough to induce then to make the sacrifice required, they would long since have controlled Newada made their own laws, and sent to the United States Congress two Senators and one Representative of their own chosing. The Mormons want nothing to do with Nevada. They recognize it as politically and socially the rottenest of American commonwealths, and as worthless materially; and they have no ambition to make the sacrifice necessary to its moral, political and mater redemption. We can assure our contemporary that the most determined opponents of the annexation scheme are the Mormons. The Saints more than all others, understand the evils of the Territorial system of government; more than all others they have suffered and are suffering from that infamous system; but bad as Territorial rule is in conception, and wicked as it is in operation, the Mormon people prefer it to an alliance with a State whose name is a synonym for dishonesty and corruption. Better seridom with good name and self respect, than statehood with the loss of reputation which would follow.

THE FACT that the knowledge of the arrival of the official notice of his appointment as postmaster was on the street for some time before Mr. Barratt heard the news, and that information of the arrival of the letter was conwould indicate that his appointment was made none too soon, and would lowed by the exit of ot

CARTER HARRISON has in accepted or Mayor the Democratic nominal mes emphatically and positively ce will stand cannot be foretold, but is to be hoped that it will last until the end of the week. His frequent changes are making a good deal of trouble for the party and for the newspapers, and he should settle down to one thing or

China has just again shown its originality. A village being troubled by a gang of tramps, the latter were to capture a State government, and invited into a church, and the doors being locked, the edifice was burned together with Its inmates. This method of gettings rid of a pest is not only original, but is effective, and comparatively inexpensive. A Chinese church wouldn't cost half as much as

> MR. C. R. BARRATT's appointment as poetmaster of Salt Lake being objectionable to the Tribune the gentleman will feel assured that he has the confidence and esteem of the public.

NOT A RAILROAD BOOM

Those people who are talking so these Mormons are in the southern part, loudly about the boom which is here or which is to be annexed. Nevada is "a will be here before summer, and who only 62,265. Since that time the number of inhabitants has steadily de- new railroads, display their ignorance creased, and it is believed that a census and asininity. Two or three railroads taken now would not reveal more than are coming in this direction, and in the idea when these roads will get here? public lands in its area, so that they It will probably not be disputed that may be used to save the State from the Midland will be the first to come; the downward is largely set—
the downward is growing in of the half dozen, more or less, lines wealth and population, should be anmexed to dying Nevada, more than half of whose present population would depart if the mines should become exwalkey in three years, or in the autumn

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pation, and the land is unattractive to Utah this year, and it is certain that if Gentile settlers, while it resembles the any shall be done it will be only at points or passes where, it is desirable to secure the right of way against other companies. We publish this, not for the purpose of discouraging anybody or ing operations, but merely to show how little some people know of what they are talking, and how reckless they are in their assertions. Whatever of a "boom" may strike Salt Lake this year must have something else than railroad building to support it.

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